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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2001. This extension will extend the time the response is due from December 25, 2001 to March 25, 2002.

A three months extension is requested; the extension fee is \$920.00.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 163852016000.

Respectfully submitted,

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